

Herrman Has Distinction of Buying Costliest Wine

It Cost Him About \$30,000 by the Time He Had Lost Joe Tinker, Peer of Shortstops, by Selling Him to Ebbers; Latter Flirted With Tinker About Signing Contract Until Player Jumped to Federals.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Garry Herrman, boss of the Cincinnati Reds, is the owner of the questionable distinction of having purchased the most expensive wine in the history of the world. The original outlay for the three or four quarts of extra dry that he bought as the Waldorf on December 12, 1912, was only \$15 or \$20, but since then it has cost Garry an extra \$30,000 or so to keep his colleagues from organized baseball something like \$100,000. And, as they say in classical Boston, "the end isn't yet."

It seems an exaggeration to say that the success of the Federal league is due in a large measure to these three or four quarts of champagne. But one has to go quite a distance to find any one who has made such startling statements when relating real, unvarnished facts. The Federal league was a puny start organization in December, 1913. No one gave it much thought. It had only George Stovall and one or two other players under its wing, and it was of real major league caliber, and it had only a few backers with real bank rolls. The future looked dark and dreary like and even a bartered Prexy Gilmore and his few trusty lieutenants were downcast.

The Wine Investment.

And then Garry invested in wine, and while in wine, he sold Joe Tinker, the shortstopper, to Charles Holliday Ebbers of Brooklyn, using the wine as a bribe to get the player "pulling off" the most famous deal in baseball.

And then incidents began to happen. Ebbers, the best little publicity chaser since Nero's time, at once began to get into newspaper debates with Tinker. He could have signed up Tinker right away and saved him to organized baseball, but that wasn't Ebbers's idea. Furthermore, neither he nor anyone else ever figured on Joe doing such a traitorous act as jumping to the Feds. The idea was not even thought of.

So Ebbers Stalled.

And so Garry just went along on his serene publicity gathering way and reaped reams of press agenting through the fact that he'd agreed to pay the then unheard of price of \$25,000 for one ball player, Joe Tinker, to sign up and gather unto himself that \$10,000 bonus. But Charles didn't want the signing up done right away.

El Pasoan Loses Hard Fought Match

Border States Tennis Tourney Closes

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 11.—In five desperately contested sets of tennis, which closed the tournament of the Border States Tennis tourney, defeated George Fergusson, of El Paso, for the championship of the tourney. One was a close set in which he lost more than half a dozen points.

Scores: 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Herrell and Arthur, champions of Phoenix, won the championship from Fergusson and Bailey in three tough sets just before the final match. Fergusson, of the University of Arizona, lost to Herrell and Arthur.

Poppin beat Green in the consolation singles final, which required five games. In the grand old men's final, Moore and Green lost to Poppin. Moore and Green, of California, in five sets of the 48 year limit singles. 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

The consolation of Poppin took place in the County Club, where the match was won by Poppin, who was a loving cup by the association, engraved to the "Trophy of the Border States Tennis Tourney," to send 50 men to the El Paso meet next year. All victors have been gloriously entertained here.

Second Day's Results.

The scores on the second day of play follow:

Men's Singles—Third Round.

Goldberg, Blair, 6-2, 6-1.

Judson, Parsons, 6-0, 6-0.

Paul, Rockwell, 6-1, 6-1.

Rebel, G. E. Goodrich, 6-4, 6-4.

Culbert, Munson, 6-4, 6-4.

"STORIES ABOUT STARS"

Humorous and Serious Tales of the Ball Field

By BILLY EVANS.

WHEN Harry Davis assumed charge of the Cleveland club, a good many fans were positive that the Naps would be pennant winners. The sentiment was not unfounded. In the opinion of the Athletics, who Clevelanders feel sure he would make the Naps team after the style of the Athletics. For some reason the Naps didn't prosper under Davis, despite the fact that he is acknowledged one of the brainiest men in baseball. All kinds of rumors have been given for the failure of the Naps to show under his regime.

All loyal Cleveland fans regretted the failure of the club to show under the management of the former Athletic star. In every city though, there seem to be certain fellows who rather enjoy the ill fortune of others, and never fail to take advantage of such a happening. When it was evident that the Naps wouldn't be up there with Davis in charge, the knockers came out in force. Davis was handed many a severe roasting. Last year Davis came back as first aide to Con-

BANKERS DEFEAT NEWSPAPER TEAM

Woleslagle Helps Rio Grande Team Win by Score of 8 to 1.

A fast breaking curve, backed by a lot of steam, put a crimp in the pennant aspirations of the Newspaper team Sunday afternoon at Washington park, when Woleslagle pitched gold ball left and won for the Rio Grande Bankers, game 3 to 1. From an error standpoint the game was 3 to 1, favorable to the Newspaper club, who exhibited the absence of boots and muffs that have been noted in the history of City league baseball.

A three bagger, which terminated in a home run, aided by a wild throw, and two hits of smaller dimensions, were the only sale singles to be miked off the delivery of Woleslagle. From his side of the mound, the Newspaper club, who exhibited the absence of boots and muffs that have been noted in the history of City league baseball.

With the exception of the third inning, when four Telephone players raced across the plate, in a continual streak of blue uniform, the second division of the evening was a well played affair, despite the handicaps under which both teams labored. The game was won by the Telephone team by the score of 8 to 1.

Harries, the regular moundman of the Telephone club, was installed in the sixth by Louis Lewis, manager of the army team. Up to this time the Telephone had been leading the score, but after the sixth, the Telephone team was struck out by the Telephone team.

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He Had Read About Jailbirds



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